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SPENCE ANNOUNCES HASC STAFF DIRECTOR'S DEPARTURE

Rep. Floyd Spence, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), announced today that the committee's Staff Director, Dr. Andrew K. Ellis, would be leaving the staff in March to assume a position with the Boeing Company.

"Andy has been a respected leader for the staff and a trusted advisor to the entire committee," said Spence. "He brought to the Staff Director's job an extensive knowledge of national security issues as well as a keen understanding of policy, politics and the legislative process, and his counsel will be sorely missed. Andy departs with my sincere thanks and best wishes."

Ellis joined the HASC staff in 1987, was appointed to the position of Minority Staff Director in 1990, and to the position of Staff Director in 1995. Prior to coming to work on Capitol Hill, Ellis received his undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

Spence also announced that Deputy Staff Director Robert Rangel would assume the position of Staff Director when Ellis departs in March. Rangel has served on the HASC staff since 1987 and has served as Deputy Staff Director since 1995.

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